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Expedition of the Chesapeake—Gold Bluff.

Editors of the Pacific News:

In an article in this morning's *Public Balance*, I see they have given a wrong locality to Point St. George, and a rather indefinite one to the "Gold Bluff and Beach," the destination of the Gold Hunting Expedition which recently left this harbor. Having spent the past summer at the mouth of Klamath River, I have had an opportunity to learn somewhat of the coast. Point St. Georges is some distance above the Klamath. I think from thirty to fifty miles, while the Gold Bluff, so called, lies on the shore of the Pacific, about twelve miles below, or south of the Klamath River, and some twenty-five miles north of Trinidad, by land. Humboldt Bay is still some twenty-five or thirty miles to the southward of Trinidad.

In reference to this famous Bluff, I saw some of the black sand brought from there to Klamath, last summer, by parties who passed it on their way up from Trinidad, which was certainly very rich, but no one ever supposed that it could be found in quantities sufficient to pay for working it. At times there is probably considerable of the sand lying at the base of the bluff mixed with gold particles which have been washed out by the action of the waves upon the vast quantities of dirt that occasionally tumble into the sea. At other times I know there is none to be seen, as was the case when I passed over that self-same beach, in September last. I do not know what reliable intelligence may have been recently received from there to warrant the expensive expedition of the Chesapeake and others, but I fear it will prove a "wild goose chase," unless, after experiencing the pangs of disappointment, they push some sixty or eighty miles up the Klamath River, where they may find mines rich indeed with the *oro*, as recent numerous accounts from that region have fully confirmed.

J. P. COGSWELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23, 1850.

Record of City Courts.

Tuesday, Dec. 24.

PROBATE COURT.—Before Hon. R. N. Morrison.

Estate of Nathaniel L. Scammon.—Application for letters of administration, by A. Ward, well, granted, on giving bonds in $1500. H. P. Jones, Esq., for petitioner.

Estate of Levi Gilbert.—Petition of H. E. W. Clark, Esq., administrator, to sell personal property of the estate. Ordered that such sale be made, on giving the usual notice.

Estate of Santiago Vives.—Petition for sale of personal property. Like order entered. T. Emmett, Esq., Attorney for administrator.

Estate of Nathan Spear.—On proof of posting of notices being given, ordered that letters be issued to J. K. Rose, Esq., on his filing the necessary bond.

Estate of Camilla Sarucci.—Petition of Santiago Camilla, for administration. Ordered, on proof of notice being given, that letters be issued.

Estate of Lazarus Everhards.—Injunction issued against Wm. Fell, and citation to appear and be examined under oath touching his interference with the estate. W. W. Chipman, Atty for heirs.

Estate of Joel Hams. Application of Charles A. Garley, administrator, for final settlement of his accounts. Ordered that the usual notice of ten days be given.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—Sitting in appeals. Hon. R. N. Morrison presiding.

James Cummings vs. John Boyd, master of barque Edward. Action for sailor's wages, and damages for bad provisions and cruel treatment. Proofs taken, and adjourned for argument to 26th instant.

George Richards vs. Same. Like in all things.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—Sitting for County business. President, Hon. R. N. Morrison, County Judge, and Ewd. McGowan, Esq., Associate Justice. Met and adjourned to 26th inst.

The Sacramento Election.

The *Transcript* in announcing the vote for member of Assembly, in Sacramento, and the success of the Whig candidate, remarks as follows:

"It was the city which beat us, and more particularly the Council-room poll. And in regard to this, we say in all sincerity, we do not look upon the election yesterday, as a test either of whig or democratic strength in the city. The whigs or the democrats may be in the majority—certain it is, we do not think any one should yet say which it is.

Our reason for this is as follows. There were but two election precincts in the city: the voters stood in a line all day as mess stand at a post-office window. There was a deal of delay caused by challenging. We know of very many, both Whigs and Democrats, who, when they found the time they must spend, in taking their place at the end of the line and working up to the ballot box, could not afford to leave their business so long, and actually went off without voting.

Thus neither the democrat nor whig strength is fully brought out in the returns. Here we have a city with, at the very lowest calculation, seven thousand voters in it, and yet the whole vote was but 2564. We therefore actually believe, although the whigs got more ballots in than the democrats, that the city is really democratic. If it isn't right now, we'll make it

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These articles are all of superior quality, and every prize is of a handsome value. They can be seen at the store of the subscribers, north side of Commercial street, where the public are invited to call and examine these desirable goods.

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Numbers	LIST OF PRIZES.	Value.
	1 gold hunting watch and chain	$350
	2 gold lepine	60
	3 gold detached lever, gold cap	130
4 to 10	7 gold hunting specimen rings, $20 each	140
16 to 24	24 gold pencils and pens, $20 each	480
25 to 34	34 gold thimbles, $10 each	340
	35 gold detached lever	75
	36 Jenny Lind seal	20
37 to 49	13 gold specimen pins, $3 each	39
	50 gold anchor d'ble time ind'p't sec'd watch	200
51 to 61	61 gold pencils, $10 each	110
	62 Penn O'Shaunt seal	40
63 to 73	74 heavy California specimen rings, $30	360
	75 gold hunting lever watch	200
	76 gold solid dog seal	20
77 to 78	2 silver watches, $12 each	24
	79 gold hunting lever time watch	200
80 to 99	99 gents gold seal rings, $20 each	1980
	100 gold double time fifth second watch	250
	101 ladies' gold hunting watch	110
102 to 115	103 gold pencils, extension holders, $25 each	350
116 to 124	124 gold tooth-picks, $8 each	72
	125 splendid diamond ring	250
	126 gent's heavy do 7 brilliants	200
127 to 136	10 gold sheet vest buttons, $6 per pair	60
137 to 140	ruby and emerald rings, $20 each	80
141 to 145	turquoise rings, $8 each	40
146 to 148	emerald do $8 each	24
	149 fine gilt hunting anchor watch	50
	150 gold duplex watch	225
	151 gold lepine do	60
152 to 163	gent's enamelled scarf pins, $8 each	96
164 to 168	gold seals, $10 each	50
170 to 174	charms, (Faith, Hope and Charity) $10 e'ch	50
	175 gold hunting lever watch	175
	176 California pearl ring	20
177 to 179	gent's scarf pins, $8 each	24
180 to 181	ladies' diamond brooches, $25 each	50
182 to 193	shell porte-moneys, $6 each	72
194 to 196	ladies' reticules, $10 each	30
197 to 199	charms, (anchor) $5 each	15
	200 gent's diamond cluster pin, 7 brilliants	250
237 to 249	gold pencils, extension holders, $12 lever watch	140
	202 gold finger rings, $6 each	48
210 to 224	California specimen rings, $16 each	240
	225 diamond cluster ring, 8 brilliants	200
	226 Gen. Taylor seal	20
227 to 236	fine inlaid enam'd accordeon, $40 each	400
237 to 249	gold pencils, $8 each	104
	250 gold independent time watch	200
	251 diamond ring, 7 brilliants	200
252 to 265	shell porte-moneys, $6 each	84
266 to 274	gold thimbles, $10 each	90
	275 fancy gold pins	50
	276 regard ring	20
278 to 298	gent's vest chains, $8 each	176
	299 diamond ring, 7 brilliant	200
	300 do do 7 do	200
	301 gold lepine watch	100
	302 gold anchor time watch	225
303 to 305	ladies' ear rings, $8 each	24
306 to 317	gold sleeve buttons, $3 each	36
318 to 319	gent's fine gold pencils $10 each	122
	320 California pearl ring	20
321 to 324	gold guard keys, $6 each	24
	325 eagle bird seal	20
	326 basket carving	100
327 to 337	gilt edge port moneys, $5 each	55
338 to 339	opera glasses, $15 each	30
	340 ladies' California specimen pin	25
	341 do do do	12
342 to 349	California specimen rings	168
	350 ladies' diamond ear-rings, 14 brilliants	200
	351 regard ring	20
352 to 374	California specimen rings, $16 each	368
	375 Greek slave seal	20
376 to 380	gent's diamond gold rings, $25 each	125
381 to 386	plain do do $10 each	60
	387 diamond ring	100
388 to 389	fine gold ear-rings, $8 each	16
	390 Jenny Lind seal	20
390 to 391	lepine watches, $200 each	400
392 to 393	silver patent leaver, $25 each	50
	394 silver watch	100
395 to 399	California gold rings, $20 each	100
	400 gold hunting, engraved case, M I Tobias & Co's watch	200
	401 gold detached lever watch	75
402 to 512	gold guard keys, $8 each	832
	513 charm (Faith, Hope and Charity)	8
	514 dancing Jack	100
	515 regard, coral, tres, seal	30
516 to 524	gold lockets (hunting) $15 each	135
	525 ladies' gold hunting lapine watch	110
526 to 527	gold lockets, $8 each	16
528 to 529	small charms, $6 each	12
	530 small gold seal, $6 each	6
	531 little gold dogie	6
532 to 537	gold guard keys, turquois, $8 each	48
	538 gold guard chains	125
539 to 543	gold do $65 each	325
544 to 550	gold vest chains, $150 each	300
	551 California depot of ice	175
551 to 552	diamond rings, $40 each	80
553 to 566	gold guard keys, $8 each	112
	567 silver shell card cases, $6 each	72
	568 gold and silver oxydized watch chain	50
	569 gold pencil	10
	570 gold fob chain and coyota seal	16
576 to 581	gold sidling glasses, $40 each	240
582 to 598	California specimen rings, $20 each	360
	599 diamond cluster ring, 7 brilliants	175
	600 gent's fine do sieve watch	100
	601 gold detached lever watch	75
602 to 612	gold guard keys, turquois and garnet $8 ea	88
613 to 624	gold pencil rings, $25 each	300
	625 camel seal	20
	626 gold fob chain, $40 each	40
627 to 635	gold pencils, $8 ea	72
636 to 640	gold vest chains, $20 each	100
	641 gold lepine watch	100
642 to 648	gold fob keys, $8 each	48
	649 diamond cluster ring, (9 brilliants)	175
	650 do do 7 do	200
	651 gold fob key	8
	652 gent's fine do watch	100
653 to 664	gold guard keys, $8 each	96
665 to 674	California specimen rings, $16 each	160
	675 fine gilt hunting lever watch	175
676 to 684	gold pencils, $18 each	162
685 to 690	gold chains, $8 each	48
691 to 699	gold finger rings, $6 each	54
	Two small gold English hunting lever watch	150
	701 gold lepine watch	100
	702 gents' drummond seal	25
703 to 714	California specimen rings, $25 each	240
	715 gents' seal (pilot boat)	20
	716 do (Dan Rice)	24
	717 do (Lord Ashburton)	24
718 to 724	gold pencil and pen exten. holders, $25 ea.	175
	725 diamond cross, (7 brilliants)	250
	726 gents' coral (dog figure)	20
727 to 728	gold fob chains, $40 each	80
729 to 739	gold hunting lockets, $15 each	165
	740 gold detached lever watch	75
	741 do do	75
742	gold vest chain (serpent)	35
	743 fine gilt hunting lever watch	75
744 to 748	gold hunting lockets, $20 each	140
	749 ladies' gold hunting watch	110
	750 diamond cross pin, (11 brilliants)	300
	751 gold detached lever watch	75
	752 gold lever watch	75
	753 do do	75
754 to 755	gold fob key, $10 each	20
756 to 761	gold guard key, $8 each	48
762 to 774	gold pencils, $20 each	260
	775 gold hunting watch	150
	776 heavy gold chain	75
	777 California eagle bird, scarf pin	20
	778 do ladies' gold buckle	40
	779 gold vest chain	75
	780 do do	40
	781 do do	40
	782 do do	35
	783 gold detached lever watch	75
	784 do lepine, gold cap	75
785 to 786	do fob keys, $10 each	20
	787 diamond ring, 9 brilliants	175
	788 do do do	150
	789 do do do	150
	790 gold detached lever watch	75
	791 do lepine do	60
	792 do hunting lever do	75
	793 do vest chain	55
	794 do do	56
	795 do do	48
	796 do do	64
	797 gold hunting watch	150
	798 do J & Bentley's patent lever, wide dial watch	125
	799 do gold dial do	130
	800 ladies' gold diamond leaf bracelet, or pin,	75
	70 brilliants	1000

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NUMBER.		VALUE.
1 one cluster diamond pin, 13 stones		$200
2 one do do ring, 9 do		175
3 one do do ring, 3 do		75
4 one do do pin, 5 do		125
5 to 7 three fine gold pencils, 18 carat		82
8 to 11 four plain California gold rings		48
12 one gold hunting watch		150
13 one do do (pistol)		8
14 one gold seal (topaz)		20
15 one do do (eagle)		32
16 one diamond (bird of Paradise) 100 stones		600
17 one do setting; anchor, full jewelled		90
18 one gold and amethyst bracelet		18
19 one gold enamelled and diamond pin, 9 stones		100
20 one do serpent		50
21 one set pink topaz bracelets, pin and necklace		65
22 to 23 two gold vest chains, new pattern		80
25 to 27 three gold seal rings with crests		72
28 and 29 two sets gold studs		22
30 one solidation diamond bracelet		200
31 one cluster diamond pin, 19 pear shape stones		275
32 one do do do tulip, 19 stones		300
33 one single diamond pin		30
34 and 35 two gold lepine watches		120
36 one do setting; anchor, full jewelled		90
37 to 39 one gold and turquoise pin, ear nobs and bracelet		60
40 one splendid gold band bracelet with padlock		80
41 one enamelled do do do		40
42 one pair diamond ear rings, 22 stones		400
43 one cluster do ring, 15 do		250
44 one do do do 9 do		225
45 one do do do 9 do		225
46 one gold and torquoise cross		22
47 one gold and oxydized silver pin		16
48 one fine cameo pin, "Harvest Home"		75
49 one set gold, enamelled and torquoise pin, neck and ear rings		75
50 one large diamond cross twelve stones		1200
51 to 54 four solid California rings		150
55 to 58 four gold seals		80
59 and 60 two specimen pins with one diamond		100
61 one specimen pin		12
62 to 91 one pair gold ear rings		8
63 one pair diamond ear rings, 2 stones		275
64 one pair diamond ear rings		250
65 one emerald pin		12
66 one diamond pin, box and glass, 20 stones		65
67 one fish silver pencil case		250
68 one enamelled painting on copper, Moss Rose		40
69 one do do Jupiter and Peserpine		50
70 one do do Psyche and Love		25
71 one do do Jenn Relcave		25
72 one do do Orpheus and Eurydice		25
74 to 77 one real garnet necklace, ear rings, &c.		127
78 to 81 four seal rings		48
82 one specimen pin (bouquet)		12
83 one gold cross pin		10
84 one gold guard key		8
85 one pair gold and torqulose ear ring		16
86 one gold and oxydized pin		16
87 one set pencil and papier mache dominoes		20
88 one gold and imitation diamond bracelet, pin, ear rings and necklace		80
89 one solid gold bear with diamond		100
90 and 91 two gold hunting lepine watches		150
92 to 93 two gold lepine watches, anchor, full jewelled		180
94 to 96 three vest chains		75
97 one eye glass		12
98 to 100 three solid California gold rings		125
101 one pair enamelled diamond ear rings, 18 stones		300
102 one do do do 7 do		175
103 one cluster diamond pin 7 do		115
104 one do do 9 do		150
105 one do do 10 do		120
106 one do do 21 do		120
107 one single do		75
108 one diamond and pink topaz pin		75
109 and 110 two cameo pins		90
111 one plain hunting watch		100
112 one painted pin		8
113 one pair garnet ear hoops		20
114 one rich silver pencil case		250
115 one diamond cluster bracelet, 8 stones		400
116 one single stone diamond ring		100
117 one do do do large		150
118 one cluster diamond pin, 8 stones		100
119 one do do do 7 do		75
120 one gold hunting lever, full jewelled, M. I. Tobias & Co's watch		200
121 one do do do Robinson		175
122 one gold lunter Molyneux		150
123 and 124 two heavy gold guard keys		16
125 one gold and coral necklace, ear rings, Rachaanian		75
127 one enamelled bracelet		24
128 and 129 two gold engrossing pens		20
130 one gold hunting watch, anchor, full jewelled		200
131 one painting on copper, Bathing		50
132 one do do Boy Praying		50
133 one do do Sultana		25
134 one do do Meditation		25
135 one do do Dalelka		25
136 to 138 three gold thimbles		40
139 one cluster diamond pin, (bouquet) 60 stones		250
140 one do do 7 do		300
141 one do do diamond shank, 13 stones		175
142 one do do in California gold, 7 do		300
143 one single do		75
144 one diamond and opal pin		15
145 one do do 7 stones		150
146 one rich and fine Chinese shawl		200
147 to 148 two fine dressed pins		16
150 one cluster diamond ring, 8 stones		104
151 one do do pin, 13 do		250
154 one do do ring, 3 do		150
156 one do do pin, 7 do		120
157 one gold seal ring		10
158 one do hunting locket		8
159 one do padlock		10
160 one do gold pencil		8
161 one do guard key pistol		8
162 one do pen and pencil		10
163 one do gold pencil case		10
164 one do California ring		6
165 and 166 four small paintings		16
167 one do pen and pencil		10
168 one do specimen pin		12
169 one do gold pencil case		10
170 to 173 four gentlemen's seal rings		32
174 two studs		10
175 one do gold ring		8
177 one gold heart locket		10
178 one do and California stone ring		10
179 one do ring, plain		6
180 one do do white cornelian		8
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E. V. JOICE,
San Francisco, Nov. 5, 1850. n6 tf

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PROSPECTUS
OF THE
SAN JOSE DAILY ARGUS.

EARLY LAST SUMMER we announced our intention to issue a paper at the Pueblo de San Jose; but untoward circumstances prevented the fulfillment of that design. Our arrangements are now completed, and the purpose so long deferred, will be put into execution without delay.

We announce, therefore, to our friends in San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley, that a new Journal under the above title will be commenced on or about *the First day of January*, 1851, and be published DAILY, feeling confident, as we do, that the patriotism and public spirit of the citizens of the Valley will amply sustain us in the such an undertaking. We begin this enterprise without the subscription of a single dollar in the shape of any source, yet not a doubt of success arises to throw a shadow upon our hopes.

It is our design to give *full daily reports of both branches of the Legislature*, together with all documents of a public nature, as well as all other matters of interest at the Capital—in the Valley, and throughout California.

This important feature will render the ARGUS a valuable desideratum to all classes of our citizens, in every part of the State, and to their consideration and subscription we trust that it will commend itself.

In politics, the ARGUS will be found DEMOCRATIC to the core; and while treating public men and measures with courtesy and fairness, will nevertheless endeavor on every occasion to maintain unimpaired the pure principles of Democracy; believing, as we do, that the able exposition and defence of these by JEFFERSON, JACKSON, and POLK, and a host of other worthy and true men of the Party of Progress, has contributed more to the Prosperity, Power and Glory of the American Union, than all other causes combined. Our opponents will always know where to find us—so also will our friends.

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C. M. BLAKE & CO.,
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To whom all communications should be addressed, (if by mail, post-paid.)

SAN JOSE, December 21, 1850.

☞ Subscriptions and advertisements for the ARGUS received at the *Pacific News* office, Montgomery street.

PROSPECTUS
OF THE
MONTEREY GAZETTE.

THE UNDERSIGNED proposes to publish in the city of MONTEREY, a Weekly Newspaper, to be called the MONTEREY GAZETTE.

In a country where, above all others in the world

DAILY PACIFIC NEWS.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 27, 1850.

AGENTS FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS.

Sacramento City.....Col. Joseph Grant.
San Jose.....D. H. Mason.
Benicia.....C. M. Davis.
New-York.....Thompson & Hitchcock.

☞ AGENTS WANTED in every City, Town and Village, to whom liberal advantages will be given. Orders for the PACIFIC NEWS will be duly attended to, if addressed to us post paid, and enclosing the cash.

☞ The WEEKLY PACIFIC NEWS will be re-commenced as soon as necessary arrangements can be completed. A STEAMER EDITION will be issued semi-monthly, on the sailing of each Mail Steamer.

Removal of the Pacific News.

We would notify our friends and the public, that the Publication, Printing and Editorial Offices of the *Pacific News* have been removed to the building of Cronin & Markley, Montgomery street, (next to Delmonico's,) where we hope to receive the calls of all our old friends, and to merit the confidence of a host of new ones.

☞ Our **Publication Office** is now in the *new room* next door to Cronin & Markley's, being in the most convenient and central part of the city.

☞ The Editorial and Printing Rooms are in the third story of the same building, where our political and business friends will always receive a cordial welcome.

Steamer Edition.

Our Agents out of town will please send us the lists of names for copies of our *Steamer Pacific News*, as early as Monday next, of all who wish to have the paper forwarded to their friends in the Atlantic States. It will be issued on an extra large sheet, and be the most valuable of any previous issne from this office:

The Environs of San Francisco.

The glorious weather of Christmas Day,—bland and balmy as are the finest days of May or September in the Middle States of the Atlantic coast—induced us to make an excursion in the precinct of the city known as "the Lagoons," about a mile to the westward. Within the period of our remembrance, the changes in the aspect of things towards the Presidio has improved in an equal ratio with other portions of the city; and now, where there was nothnothing but dense chapparel or uncultivated land to meet the view; handsome houses and beautiful gardens greet the eye on every side. The improvements, to those whose leisure has not permitted them to visit that portion of the city frequently, will be found to have kept pace with those of any other section, except, perhaps, that over the water. A considerable number of private residences are contemplated to be erected the ensuing spring, and ground for a school-house and a church has been donated; so that, as a suburban and pleasant resort, THE LAGUNAS will be the most attractive of any in our vicinity.

Among the improvements which most surprised us, was an extensive Steam Laundry,—the largest in the United States, as we are told. This establishment is capable of turning out no less than three thousand pieces per day, which is often done. The credit of establishing this "factory for clean apparel" is due to Mr. A. J. Easton, long connected with leading hotels in New York, and consequently well informed as to the wants of hotel and steamboat men in this important department, and willing to invest the fortune necessary to commence with. The buildings of the laundry extend along the lagoon, from which an abundance of the purest water is taken by force-pumps, and the clothes, instead of being torn and worn out by the usual process of hand-rubbing and the old-fashioned pounding barrel, are subjected to a process similar to that adopted in manufacturing establishments. Clothes are returned, with all the gloss and purity of a new article, with the texture of the fabric as sound as when delivered from the weaver's hands. To guard against our fickle climate, which does not always give us "drying days," the laundry has drying rooms as complete as any factory in Lowell, Lawrence or Manchester, and is enabled to return promptly to a steamer or hotel, all its linen, in spite of the most protracted rains—a thing no other "washerwoman" in this region can accomplish. The labor is all divided into departments and thoroughly systematized, thus securing cheap washing, which is indispensable to such large customers as hotels and steamships, of which he has all that are worth having, in San Francisco. Connected with the laundry is an apparatus for cleansing mattresses, an operation very conducive to the comfort of passengers, and one our steamships do not neglect. New mattresses are also made here with a speed only equalled by the rapidity with which a lucky miner makes a fortune, a single night producing hundreds.

The appearance of the wareroom when the day's washing is ready for delivery, is quite a treat to a member of that extensive society "for the wearing of clean linen," and one is surprised at the facility with which it is all packed for distribution. The whole contents of the laundry are packed in the "*Alta California*" newspaper, of which the concern uses three thousand copies per month, thus giving it, through the medium of travelers, a circulation equal to that secured to the acres of bad poetry, that like the Wandering Jew has been so long on its travels, attached to the inside of trunks. But to return to our washing. The whole shore of the Lagoon is one vast laundry, but the process is performed by the old and slow hand work, reminding one of the amphibious washerwomen of the Seine.

The shores of this beautiful sheet of water, replenished as it is throughout the year by springs of the most pure and limpid element, are not always to be devoted to the ignoble purposes of a laundry. Its sloping and verdant banks will ere long be covered by elegant private residences and gardens, for which they are better adapted than any portion of our environs. With an inexhaustible soil, and an abundance of water, is united a prospect upon which the lover of nature can ever gaze, and ever see new beauties. On one hand is spread the Presidio and the Fort, and along the beach and toward the city can be seen our glorious bay, with its hundred sail, which have braved the wind and waves to enrich our port with the profits of commerce. The natural course of things will soon create upon this lovely spot residences which will make it as much sought for as the choicest spots now are in the vicinity of Atlantic cities, upon which to plant an elegant home, where one can be secluded from the cares of business. The tendency of things in this direction is even now very strong, but we reserve details until a more leisure moment.

Important Decision.

Our readers will remember that a few months ago the Superior Court of the city of San Francisco, assumed to oust from office David Gillespie, one of the Aldermen of this city, by virtue of a writ of *quo waoranto*. The city directed an appeal to be brought, and after argument, the Supreme Court has reversed the judgment, on the following grounds:

That the Superior Court of the city of San Francisco is, in contemplation of law, an *inferior* court, and that the Legislature could not, under the constitution, create any other than an *inferior* court.

That being an *inferior* court, it can have no jurisdiction except what is *expressly* granted to it.

That the phrase "original jurisdiction in *civil cases*," used in the act creating the Superior Court, comprehends "*civil actions*" only, in the ordinary sense of the term, which do not embrace proceedings by *quo warranto*, *certiorari* and the like.

That the Superior Court therefore had no jurisdiction in this case.

We deem it fortunate that this decision has been made thus early, as we have ever thought it a source of regret, that a highly respectable tribunal, like the Superior Court, should have so freely exercised a jurisdiction by *quo warranto* and *prohibition*, against the almost unanimous opinion of the legal profession; an opinion which is now confirmed by the highest tribunal of the State. This decision effectually disposes of the "*writ of prohibition*" recently issued by the Superior Court to the Probate Court of this county.

Will a certain morning cotemporary coincide in this decision of the Supreme Court!

A Burglar and Robber Caught.

Some weeks ago, a store in Portland, Oregon, belonging to Mr. J. S. McKay, was broken into and robbed of about $1,400 in money, and a gold watch, chain, key, &c. Nothing had been discovered of the robbers or property, until a day or two since, when the whole thing was unexpectedly developed in this city. A man giving his name as *G. L. Starr* took a watch key of peculiar make into a shop on Pacific street, and ordered his name engraved upon it. The shop-keeper, not being in the habit of doing that kind of work, took it to LORING & HOGG, jewellers, the latter of whom immediately recognized the key as one which he had presented to his friend McKay, the name of the latter having been filed off, but not entirely obliterated. Capt. CASSERLY, of the Second District Police, was called in to investigate the affair, who set to work to get his official hands upon Starr, and with his usual sagacity succeeded in his object, and lodged the gentleman in the station house: he, the while, protesting the innocence of the angels. By a little manœuvring, however, on the part of Capt. C., he finally succeeded in getting the whole story out of him, and recovered $497 in money, and two gold watches, the latter being handed to the station door-keeper, by Starr, after he was incarcerated, with the injunction to "keep dark." The remainder of the money had been squandered in gambling, so Mr. *Starr* is likely to be cut off as a shining light for some time to come.

CALIFORNIA LODGE, No. 1, A. Y. M.—The Annual election for officers of this Lodge was held last evening at the Masonic Hall, Kearny Street, which resulted in the choice of the following named brethren, to serve for the ensuing year:

PETER A. BRINSMADE	W. M.
A. A. SELOVER	S. W.
JOHN VANDEWATER	J. W.
WILLIAM REYNOLDS	S
MICHAEL UASPARI	T.
CHARLES G. SCOTT	S. D.
ROBERT B. HAMPTON	J. D.
JOHN E. ADDISON	M. of C.
THOMAS R. JOHNSON	Tyler.

The gentlemen elected are from among our most esteemed citizens, who are fitted to fill any station with dignity, and to whose care the interests of the ancient and honorable order may be safely entrusted. We are happy to know that in no part of the world is the Institution more prosperous than in California.

The Installation of the officers elect takes place to-day at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Masonic Hall, to which all members of the fraternity in good standing are invited.

HELD TO BAIL.—Capt. Snow, who has been under examination for the last two or three days, on a charge of kidnapping the "Queen of the Bay," and three or four companions, from the Marquesas Islands, was yesterday held to bail in the sum of $5,000, for his appearance at Court. The question has been honestly asked, What jurisdiction has our courts over an offense committed in a country with which we have no intercourse, and no treaty relations?

CHRISTMAS SPORTS.—We learn that the ladies of San Jose had a merry time of it on Christmas, in keeping up the good old Californian custom of breaking egg-shells, filled with *eau de Cologne*, over the heads of the unfortunate wights who happened to be their friends. It is well that the gentlemen in San Jose happen to be somewhat "hard-headed," or their *cabesas* might have been smashed instead of the egg-shells.

A LARGE STOCK.—Some of the rancheros of Santa Barbara county give in from $15,000 to $20,000, as the value of their stock alone. The returns of the late census combine a vast amount of most useful information.

☞ We are requested to state that the steamer "New World" will not leave this afternoon for Sacramento city, but will resume her regular trips at the usual hour, on Monday next, 30th inst.

Reduction of Rents.

It must be apparent to every one who even casually notices the progress of building in the city, and more especially on the part just rescued from the bay, that the abomination of high rents must soon yield to the usual course of business, and that houses and stores, like clothing and provisions, must be regulated by *supply and demand*—those forces that regulate commercial affairs. If any one has failed to notice the signs we have mentioned, he has but to visit the "old neighborhoods," so to speak, to be convinced. A few moments' observation will show, that the production of houses has exceeded the demand,—that business rapidly changes its centre, leaving stores, that last year rented for five hundred dollars per month, idle for lack of tenants that can afford to pay the comparatively small sum of one hundred and twenty dollars per month; and this, too, while the same room on a neighboring pier, commands five hundred dollars per month. It is idle to say that our citations are exceptions, for it is not so, though proprietors may strive to keep this heavy burden upon the shoulders of our citizens.

The extreme danger of fire, warrants landlords in demanding a high rent, a claim farther strengthened by the comparatively limited territory appropriate to the wants of commerce. But those who have an interest in this description of property, must remember that, though building lots and materials may, for a time, be close monopolies, the natural competition of business, and the economy forced upon all merchants by reason of this competion, will disseminate business over a wider territory, bringing down rents to a point which will pay alike the builder and the owner a moderate and fair rate of interest for their capital.

The insecurity of all land titles—we mean the liability of nominal owners to litigation—has also its effect on proprietors in keeping the price of rents high, but this too must yield to the decisions of our legal tribunals, which will make real estate the most secure of all investments, and consequently one upon which a small certain revenue only will accrue. The day rapidly approaches, and its advent will mark a new era in the prosperity of our city, when rents will fall to a point nearly approximating to those of Eastern cities, instead of being, as at present, at a point which makes a year's rent equally valuable with the fee simple of most property. Like the speculations in lumber, rents can expect but a short period of success, and must yield to the universal law of trade, the proportion of demand and supply, now scarcely thought of.

The Fire Last Evening.

LOSS ABOUT $3000.—Our citizens were startled last evening, between six and seven o'clock, by the cry of fire, than which nothing strikes more terror to the hearts of the people. The location of the fire was in a narrow street running from Vallejo, just below Powell, through to Broadway. It broke out in a pile of baled hay, of about ten tons, belonging to Mr. Barton Morey, which was entirely consumed. A pile of lumber, amounting to 10,000 feet, the property of Mr. Cady, with some shanties, was also destroyed. A blacksmithing shop was torn down to prevent the spread of the fire toward Powell street; and mainly to the existence of the vacant space around the spot where the fire was raging, is it owing that so little damage was done.

The Fire Department were early on the ground, with their apparatus; and we must say, that at no previous fire that we have ever seen were their efforts more systematic and effective than on this occasion. We were cognizant of all the operations, and we are well satisfied that the citizens will have little to fear from a conflagration, if there is any water to be got at by the gallant firemen.

The labor of forcing water nearly nine hundred feet, from the reservoir at the corner of Dupont and Pacific, up Broadway to the fire, was a feat equal to any ever performed in New York, where the "head" of Croton aids the labor of the men. Knickerbocker, No. 5, when just ready to put a stream on, unfortunately broke one of her arms, when No. 2 was brought into her place. She also was disabled by the breaking of her chain, and gave to No. 1 her place.

The experience of last evening shows most fully the absolute necessity that exists for vesting in the Chief Engineer absolute authority to have the necessary repairs made to the machines. At present, nothing can be done without the authority of the Fire and Water Committee of the Common Council; and to get them together for action is next to impossible. To be compelled to go into line with the engines out of order, is to jeopard thousands and tens of thousands of dollars of the property of our citizens. Is it not better to use seasonable precautions than to lament losses that wise prudence might have prevented.

The total loss does not exceed $3000, but little as it is, falls heavily on one—Mr. Cady—who lost all he had, about $1000 worth of lumber.

COULDN'T HAVE THE FURNITURE.—A fine room is being fitted up in the California Exchange, for the District Court, and persons were yesterday employed to convey the furniture from the old to the new room. The Mayor and Comptroller, however, entered their protest against such proceedings, and retained possession of the property on the city's account. Quite an interesting little scene took place in the court room, but the two officials maintained their first determination to keep the corporation property under the control of the city.

If they would stop every body else from *prigging* the public pocket, *the people* could afford to present them a "medal" as large as one of EVERETT's best beavers, and then be the gainer thereby.

BEEF.—No day passes when large droves of cattle may not be seen by the traveller at almost any point, on the road from this to Los Angeles. Much of this will make quite good beef for market, but every day it is becoming worse. The want of rain begins to be sensibly felt in the southern pastures.

Our San Jose Correspondence.

SAN JOSE, Dec, 25, 1850.

Editors of the Pacific News:

Christmas was a most exquisite day, as far as out of doors went, and the arrangements within doors were scarcely less pleasant. Social visits, calls, dinners, and a dance and general festivity this evening, have been the order of the day. Every one, from the school boy to the judge, took vacation, and each found happiness in looking forward to the future, or back on the past, if not in the enjoyment of the present.

I joined an agreeable party at dinner, with the family of James F. Reed, Esq, and in the sociality of the occasion, had quite forgotten for a time that I was in California. A number of fair ladies added no little interest to the company—among whom I observed Miss Winlack, lote of your city. On being invited to the dining-room, and quicker than thought, each gentleman in the room had an egg shell filled with cologne broken upon his devoted head The consternation was complete; and what to do in the premises, each one seemed at a loss! There was no such thing as taking any sort of "sweet revenge" upon the dear creatures; and a few moments later Mr. R. had us all quietly seated at the table, discussing the merits of roast turkey, baked chicken, stewed duck, pork, jellies, pies, and other varieties too numerous to mention. But several present, were heard to theaten to have "revenge" for the egg, before the season is over.

This custom of breaking prepared egg shells and spilling their contents, is, so far as I am aware, peculiar to this country. The contents are often less agreeable than they proved to be in this instance; being composed of gold or tin foil, in small fragments; flour, ashes, dirt, &c.

Santa Claus, I perceive, has domiciled in this land, and many a little stocking was well filled on Tuesday night. The state of civilization may be noted from this; and the difficulty, I may remark, which the child observed here last year, in the way of the benign Saint, to wit: the lack of chimneys, is no longer felt in this city; for I have nowhere seen more cheerful oak wood fires than blaze on the hearth stones of this berg. They would satisfy an "English gentleman of the olden time."

With warm days, we have sharp, cold nights. No sooner is the sun behind the Blue Mountains, than the frosty sprites leap out, and hold possession of the CAMPUS with their posts, and they do not quit the field till some time after "broad daylight." The difference of temperature just now—unless you have it extremely cold—must be, I think, in favor of San Francisco. The effect of the sea, is sensibly to augment the temperature, with you, at this season of the year.

I hardly stop to note the extensive and permanent improvements which have taken place here since the first of July last, the period of my former visit. The question of the permanent location of the seat of government can affect the present or future interests of the place but little; and in fact this is by no means the great interest of the people here. At the proper time, I am ready to enter upon the discussion of this subject; but the Valley of Santa Clara is bound to a career of great prosperity as an agricultural region. And it is not a "big beet," or a "big potato," which is to give it fame even in this. Vast tracts of most productive soil lie here; and these waste acres are destined soon to be profitably tilled. They are now in process of occupation, and the tide of immigration into this valley within the next twelve months will surpass all that has been seen in the several districts of California. C. M. B.

PROBABLE MURDER.—The body of a man was found in the water, at the foot of Washington street, yesterday afternoon, which had probably been there two or three days, though, except the face, it was not greatly disfigured.

We are indebted to Justice Shepheard, by whom the inquest was held, for the following particulars:

From papers found on his person, his name is supposed to be John McMillan, a Scotchman by birth, but who came to California from New Orleans, in February, 1849. There was a letter of introduction in his pocket, from John C. Jones, of N. O., to Jesse H. or James Bondurant, Cal.; several other letters, also proving that John McMillan was the name of the deceased.

Dr. B. H. Watson made the post mortem examination. Found two wounds on the frontal bone, the nose broken, the front teeth driven out, evidently by violence, a severe blow on the top of the head, the pericranium raised from the skull by a bloody tumor or sack, about 4 inches in length and 2½ inches in width; the tongue was also split in two. The body had not been in the water very long, although the face was much disfigured. Deceased was dressed in a seaman's blue pilot cloth jacket and vest, kersey pants, blue flannel shirt and check under-shirt.

Verdict of the Jury that deceased, whom they believe to be John McMillan, came to his death by violence, at the hands of a person or persons to the jury unknown.

The papers found on his person may be seen, by application to P. W. Shepheard, Justice of the Peace, at his office, adobe building, on the square.

A "STUMP" AUCTIONEER.—The crowd at the auction room of CALDWELL & EMERSON, in Montgomery street, at their sale yesterday morning, were much amused at the "going, going" facility with which Mr. CALDWELL, the auctioneer, disposed of the variety of goods under the hammer. One would have supposed that he had practised "stump speaking" at the west or south all his life, and if that *were* the fact, it is a little surprising that he was not in office all the time. His way is decidedly "taking," and the bidders fancied they had made capital bargains, which we doubt not was the fact.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY.—Nothing could have exceeded in any climate the quiet beauty of Christmas Day in the Santa Clara Valley. Birds were singing in all the trees; green grass was every where springing up in the warm sunshine; and around all the farm-houses numberless flocks of little chickens, just out of the shell, and running about their *mothers*, gave an aspect to the scenes of Christmas such as we never before behefd.

The Custom House Robbery at Monterey. Full Particulars.

We have received from our attentive correspondent at Monterey, authentic particulars in reference to the Custom House Robbery at that place on the 8th inst. A reward of $2000 is offered by Dr. RANDALL for the recovery of the money and conviction of the robbers. The communication has been some time in the mail, so that some portions of the account have been anticipated by verbal information:

MONTEREY, Dec. 15, 1850.

A degree of excitement seldom exhibited by the unexcitable inhabitants of this city has prevailed here for the last week, upon the announcement that on the evening of Sunday, the 8th inst., between six and seven o'clock, a daring and extensive robbery had been committed in the Custom House of this port, by which funds to the amount of $14,000, as near as can be ascertained, had been carried off; rumor in the first instance exaggerating the loss as high as $30,000. The discovery was made by Dr. A. RANDALL, Deputy Collector, on his return from supper, being absent from the building not more than twenty-five minutes. When Mr. R. entered the room, the first thing he noticed was that the shutters were closed, which was an unusual occurrence; and he being very methodical in his habits and customs, his suspicions were at once excited. On going to the safe, a large iron chest, he found that the lock had been broken, the lid being pried up, and all the money, amounting to over $14,000 abstracted therefrom. On recovering from his surprise, he ran at once to the house of T. G. Richards, J. P., and having communicated the affair to him, they both returned, accompanied by others, to the building and examined the premises. The outer door, it may be mentioned here, through which the thieves had entered, was found locked on the return of Dr. Randall from supper, showing clearly that the burglars had a false key, and that the affair had been previously planned, and was certainly well executed. Immediately afterwards, Dr. Randall, having sworn information, warrants were issued by Justice Richards, and in the course of an hour the five following individuals, all "Sydney coves," were arrested: John Ryan, Thomas Quirck, James Briggs, Richard E. Osman, and John Morris Morgan. The next morning the parties were brought up for examination before Justice Richards, but on the application of Chas. H. St. John, County Attorney, the cases were postponed for two days to enable the prosecution to procure evidence. In the mean time several warrants had been placed in the hands of Sheriff Roach, and an amount of money in dust, and gold and silver coin, taken from the houses of two of the prisoners, amounting to between $13,000 and $14,000!

The following is the description of the moneys stolen from the Custom House, according to the sworn statement of Dr. Randall: in gold 105 ounces, California gold coin, $600; American gold coin, $3000; a bag of foreign gold, sovereigns, guilders and francs, from $1300 to $2000; gold dust, $3000; purse of American silver coin, $15 to $30; in a parcel, $70 to $100; another parcel, $500 to $600; do, $3000 to $4000, and a number of miscellaneous coins.

Upon the first search-warrant there was found in the house of Ryan the following sums: $900 in gold coin, 34 gold ounces, $500 in silver. In the house of Osman, 18 gold ounces; $75 in $5 pieces; 45 English sovereigns; 28 gold ounces; one $20 gold piece; some small silver; also, three bags of gold dust, one weighing 50 oz., another 96½ oz., and another 43 ounces.

The following return was made upon the second search-warrant, the money being found nailed up in the lower step of the stair-case, in the house of Osman: $301 in silver; 120 gold oz.; $1185 in gold coin; 97 gold oz.; $1160 in gold coin; 7 gold specimens, weight unknown; 1 gold ingot, weighing $97 52; 1 handkerchief, containing from $20 to $30, more or less; 1 match box, containing gold specimens, weight unknown; 1 short crowbar, one purse ring and 1 shot bag.

After a second postponement the prisoners were brought up on Saturday last, for final examination, being represented by a most formidable bar, Messrs. G. B. Tingley, of San Jose; Ord, McDowell, and Ashby, of Monterey. The prosecution was represented on the part of the State by Chas. H. St. John, County Attorney, and Wm. Botts, Esq. The examination of the case lasted from 7 A. M. to half past 11 P. M., when after able addresses on both sides, the Justice announced his decision to be "to hold the parties to answer the charge at the next District Court."

His Honor had hardly announced his decision, when a most violent scene ensued. One of the prisoners, Ryan, swearing he "would shoot the d——d County Attorney," and abusing their own counsel, for not acquitting them, after paying them. The prisoners, after some further violence, were safely lodged in the county jail. I may add that Thomas Quick, Morgan and Briggs, came to Monterey from San Francisco on the steamer of the 1st; and Osman, on the brig Lowell, some few days previously.

Two other 'birds,' named Fisk and Fletcher, were arrested at San Juan, on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery, but were discharged on that count, and held to answer for mule stealing—the best of the joke being that one of the animals stolen was the property of Judge Ord, who was counsel for them on the first charge!

The activity and zeal of the public officers and authorities upon this occasion cannot be too highly lauded. I may add that all classes have manifested much sympathy towards Dr. Randall. 'Lynch law' was at first spoken of, but I am happy to say that a better feeling prevailed, having full confidence in the power of the laws, and in the manner in which they are administered here.

A reward of $2000 is offered by Dr. Randall for the detection of the robbers and the recovery of the money. F. J. M.

A Card.

In the case of ALEXANDER DUCHENE, the little boy who was inhumanly turned out of a hotel the morning of his father's death, I beg leave to speak of the kind interest manifested in his behalf by the official gentlemen, with whom circumstances relating to the recovery of Mr. Duchene's trunk, brought me in contact. Much credit is due Mr. Henriques, the Public Administrator, for his benevolence and philanthropy. He not only gave his services free of charge, but made himself personally liable for a bill of cost to the magistrate who issued the papers necessary to obtain the property, and throughout the whole matter, acted with a promptitude and philanthropy, which does him honor not only in his official station but as a humane citizen. Although having no personal interest in the matter, I deem it my duty to speak publicly of his benevolence.

Dec. 23, 1851. A. DELANO.

☞ Any person wishing to take charge of this boy, who is without a home, and friendless, will please call on me, on Long Wharf, near Sansome street.

PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE.—It will be noticed by a card in our advertising columns, that the late Stewards of the steamer Columbus, will open a new boarding house on Monday. From personal experience, we know they will make their house a "home," in point of comfort, and a hotel for luxury. They deserve success, and we are sure will receive it.

SIERRA.—This term in Spanish means a *saw*, and it is applied, in geography, of course, not to a single mountain, but to a range of mountains, from their resemblance to that instrument. A single mountain is called a *cerro*, as *Cerro Gordo*, the *fat* mountain.

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Record of the Courts.

Thursday, Dec. 26.

SUPREME COURT.—Present, Chief Justice Hastings and Associate Justices Bennet and Lyons.

The People ex relatione Wm. H. Hughes vs. David Gillespie.—This was an appeal from the Superior Court of the city of San Francisco. Opinion read by Chief Justice Hastings. The relator states that David Gillespie, in violation of the statute, and the charter of this city, has been elected to, and continues to exercise the office of, Alderman; that at the time of his election he was ineligible by reason of his non-residence in the State for the time required by law.

The Superior Court seems to have overlooked the question as to its jurisdiction in cases of proceedings by QUO WARRANTO. The District Courts only have jurisdiction in such cases. If the Legislature had intended to give to the Superior Court jurisdiction by QUO WARRANTO, it would have been expressly granted; but as it does not, it is unnecessary to express an opinion. Upon the other points which seem to have entirely absorbed the attention of the court below. The judgment, therefore, is reversed.

Osborn & Beaumon vs. Elliot et al.—To the decision which was made in this case, Chief Justice Hastings delivered a dissenting opinion.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Before Judge Smith.

Puller vs. Hughes, administrator of the estate of Vincent Muco.—The examination of witness in this case, occupied the court during the day, and was not concluded at the time of adjournment.

PROBATE COURT.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, presiding.

Estate of Jacob Hauman, deceased.—Ordered that Isaac N. Thorne, H. K. W. Clarke, and John Marshall, be appointed appraisers of the above estate.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Hon. F. Tilford, presiding.

For disorderly conduct, Henry Davis was fined $10, and John Downing $5.

For a breach of the peace, Wm. Eldridge and Henry Thomas were each fined $15.

The case of Joseph Fisher, charged with larceny, was continued by request of defendant's counsel.

The examination of witnesses, in the case of Captain Snow, was resumed, and concluded. The case was argued at length. Col. Collier and Mr. Brooks appearing on the side of prosecution, and Mr. Parburt and another gentleman on part of defense.

The Recorder, in reviewing the facts of the case, confined himself to the charge of false imprisonment, and remarked, that from the whole testimony, he was fully satisfied that it should be sent up. Capt. Snow was, therefore, remanded, with his bail fixed at $5000.

News from China.

By the arrival yesterday of the brig Mary and Ellen, Capt. Brown, we have Hong Kong dates to the 9th of October, our previous files being to the 28th Sept.

The latest dates received at Hong Kong from San Francisco, were to Aug. 4th.

We learn from the Hong Kong *Gazette* that the man Palmer, who was connected with the mutiny on board the ship Kelso, from this port to Hong Kong, an account of which was published two or three days since, died in the Civil Hospital on the 5th of October.

Thirteen of the men implicated in the massacre on board the French ship Albert, have been committed for trial.

Sen is said to have fled to Pekin, frightened away by the rebels. The agents for foreign powers have not received official intimation of the Sen's absence from his post.

At Shanghae an imperial edict has been issued against the opium smokers, which has caused some sensation. The smokers are allowed five months grace from the 6th of Sept., after which decapitation is to follow every conviction; the families of the decapitated to be sent into slavery, and the descendants for three generations totally debarred from the privilege of competing at the literary examinations.

The French vessel Albatross, Lucan, from San Francisco, July 28th, arrived at Hong Kong Oct. 5th. The Swallow, Seagrove, San Francisco, Aug. 4th, arrived the same day.

The Hamburg vessel, Meyer, for this port, sailed from Hong Kong on the 5th Oct.

From the Hong Kong *Gazette* we select the following "Court Intelligence," as a specimen of the law business in the Celestial Empire:

Thursday, Oct. 3d.

Edmund R. Mitchell vs. John Hudson.—Claim for house rent, $42; costs, $2,85. Claim withdrawn.

Esoo-Ahlum vs. Nean-Ahcow.—Claim for money due on a promissory note, $38; costs, $2,58. Nonsuited.

Monday, Oct. 7th.

Regina vs. Lam-Shing-wai.—Larceny one handkerchief, value $1. Sentence, one month's imprisonment.

Regina vs. Lum-Achun.—Larceny one jacket, value 44 cents. Sentence, six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

RICH DIGGINGS.—Last Wednesday morning the was quite a rush from Sonora to certain new diggings which had just been discovered, about half a mile from the town, towards the south-east. The crowd that passed in front of our door was so great as to suggest to a neighbor the simile of "a gathering to a horse-race." Gentlemen, merchants, doctors, gamblers, miners—all classes, we believe, except lawyers,—were seen carrying picks, shovels, wash-pans, rockers, and all the other paraphernalia of the California profession. Truly, this is a democratic State, be the people "Democratic Whig," or Democratic Democrats.

The new diggings are said to be very rich; and the ground, of course, is all staked off. Miners who have a desire to share justly in the chances, should not suffer themselves to be excluded by men who have a dozen or twenty claims staked off in other places.—[Sonora Herald.

☞ In Sacramento City is a sign bearing the following inscription: "Rest for the weary, and storage for trunks."

Commercial.

Thursday, December 26th.

A decidedly better feeling has been manifest to-day, among our whole community, than we have witnessed for some time past, owing no doubt to the fact of there being an increased demand for goods from the up river towns. The truth is, that the prices for all kinds of goods have reached so low a mark, as to leave no margin for a further decline; consequently any change that may occur must be of an improving character. While it may not be reasonably expected that articles of a staple character can materially advance during the existence of the present excess in supply, and large daily receipts, we think it fair to presume, that holders will be benefitted by storing their goods, rather than by forcing them on the market.

Stocks are entirely without change. We are advised that the "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund" are using every exertion to effect the loan in favor of the City, and we hope to be able in a few days to advise our readers of their efforts having been crowned with success.

We are gratified in being able to state that the subscription to the stock of the "Pacific Marine Insurance Co." has been larger to-day than on any other day since the opening of the books. Our business men are beginning to appreciate the importance of this Institution, and are making known their estimates of its value in a substantial way.

MARRIED.

In Stockton, on the 28th inst. by C. H. Swift, Esq., Mr. EDWARD BROWN, to Miss PAULINA KOUSER, all of Stockton.

Editors of the Pacific News.

In your paper of to-day I find announced the marriage of Mr. SAMUEL SNOW to Miss MARY GREEN. Now, if this announcement is intended to be serious, I beg leave to state, for the information of the ladies, that I am not the *fortunate hombre* alluded to. However much I may admire *green*, I have not yet been *green* enough to be caught in the meshes of wedlock. SAMUEL A. SNOW.

Dec. 26, 1850.

DIED.

In Stockton, Dec. 23d, of typhoid fever, WILLIAM W. SEARLING, aged 28 years, senior partner of the firm of Spaulding & Martin, and son of Calvin Spaulding, of Hollowell, Maine.

In Stockton, 23d Dec. (same day of its birth,) the infant son of Judge Henry A. and Mary E. Schoonover.

MARINE NEWS.

☞ To MASTERS OF VESSELS AND OTHERS.—Files of the *Pacific News* will be supplied without charge to all vessels leaving San Francisco for foreign ports, on application at the office, where a register is kept. In return we desire the latest papers, commercial and shipping intelligence from abroad. Files also supplied to merchants to send to their correspondents, without charge.

Cleared. DECEMBER 26.

Ship John Marshall, Hardy, Valparaiso.
Ship Fanny, Hindinarsh, Valparaiso.
Brig Col. Fremont, Mason, San Diego.
Brig Tarquina, Northrop, Puget's Sound, 25 pass.
Brig Ormus, Smith, Ports in Pacific.
Brig Rolly, Panama, 22 pass.
Brig Fawn, Bunker, Sandwich Islands.
Brig. brig River Chief, Horshly, Tahaiti, 2 pass.
Danish brig Johanna and Ruffs, Rogers, Mexico.
Schr Sophia, Naghill, Monterey, 4 pass.
Schr Sophia, Naghill, Santa Barbara, 3 pass.
Schr Spray, Hall, Monterey, 7 pass.

Arrived.

Brig Mary and Ellen, 77 ds fm Hong Kong, via Columbia River, mds to Buckley, 5 passengers.

Memoranda.

Per Mary and Ellen—Left at Hong Kong, schr Maid of Julpa, to sail soon for this port; ship Indiana; bark Oscar would sail in 18 ds and a Danish ship bound here.

Arrived at Honolulu, on 24th inst. Sch Hawaiian Government; schr Harriett Attwood; ship Braulin, Butte, 16 months out, 2000 bbls.

Importations.

Per Mary and Ellen—3200 bags sugar and quantities of merchandise.

Passengers Arrived.

For Mary and Ellen—A L. Inglis and lady, M. A. McPherson.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

San Jose Argus.

The citizens and business public of San Francisco, and other towns of California, are referred to the Prospectus and terms of the above paper, to be published daily at San Jose. Advertisements and subscriptions are received at the *Pacific News* Office, Montgomery street.

AGENTS WANTED, for this paper. Energetic persons, acquainted with the business, will find it advantageous to engage in the circulation of the Argus, and obtain advertisements. Its circulation will be general throughout the State. Address C. M. Blake & Co. at this office, or at San Jose. d25 1f.

Book and Job Printing.

CARDS, CHECKS, CIRCULARS, CATALOGUES, HAND-BILLS, and every description of PRINTING, can now be executed at the PACIFIC NEWS OFFICE, Montgomery street, next door to Cronin & Markley's, in the best style of the Art, and with the utmost dispatch.

☞ The receipt of a *heavy additional invoice* of NEW AND FANCY TYPES, of the latest patterns, by the steamer New Orleans, enables us to fill the orders of our friends in every variety of style, at the shortest notice. Ship and Steamboat Bills got up in elegant style.

☞ Card.—ROBT. JESSUP and GEO. McLEAN, late stewards of the steamship COLUMBUS, will open a new and elegantly furnished PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE, on Monday next, situated on Kearny street, west side, a few door south of the corner of Pacific. Their table will be furnished with every variety and delicacy that the market affords, and in style that cannot be surpassed. Gentlemen, or families, desiring board or rooms, will please apply as above from this date. d26 4t

☞ Schooner R. W. Packer.—The consignee of goods shipped per charter party, per dutch ves sel, at Philadelphia. is hereby notified that the vessel being now ready to discharge, the period of her lay days will commence from the date hereof. Goods will be delivered on presentation of Bills Lading, and signing of a general average bond. By order of Washington st.

d27 3 JAMES D. SWAIN, Master,
At J. B. THOMAS'S, foot of Jackson st.

☞ Notice.—All persons having claims against the estate of Ephraim Demeritt, deceased, are requested to present them to the undersigned, at his office, within ten months from this date, with the necessary vouchers. In default thereof they will be forever barred. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to JOSEPH HEYDES,
Public Administrator.
Office, Commercial st, between Kearny and Montgomery. d27 1w

☞ To the Israelites of San Francisco.—A public meeting will be held on SUNDAY evening, next, at 7 o'clock, at the house of Mr. P. Manus, on Clay st. It is earnestly requested that the community will attend, as matters of vital importance will be laid before them. By order. (d27 2) A. WALTERS.

☞ Consignees of merchandise per ship Sea Queen, from New York, are requested to call at the office of the undersigned, pay freight, and receive orders for their goods. All merchandise not called for within ten days, will be stored at the risk and expense of the consignee.

GILMOR MEREDITH.
d27 3t corner of Leidesdorff and Sacramento sts.

☞ At the Solicitation of many friends, J. R. ROBINSON, Esq., will be a candidate for Alderman, at the ensuing election. d27 1c

☞ We are authorized to announce WM. M. BRENNER, as a candidate for the Board of Aldermen, at the coming election. (d23 tf.) MANY CITIZENS.

☞ Masonic Notice.—California Lodge No. 1, of Free and Accepted Masons, will meet TO-DAY, at 12 at the hall in Kearny st, to unite with Davy Crockett Lodge, and San Francisco Chapter, in the public celebration of the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist's Day. All Masons in good standing are requested to attend. A procession will be formed, and proceed to the Methodist Church, where the officers elect of the Lodge and Chapter will be installed. Appropriate ceremonies will be performed. The public are respectfully invited to be present.
d27 L. STOWELL, W. M.
J. H. GIHON, Secretary.

☞ State Warrants in Small Sums.—For Sale, Warrants on the State Treasury in sums of $50, $75, and $100, receivable for State Taxes, Auction Duties, &c. Inquire at the office of this paper, Montgomery st, next door to Cronin & Markley's. d19 1w

☞ Notice.—BRAGG & WHITTEMORE have removed to their new warehouse on California street, next door to Cooke, Brothers & Co. d23 1w

☞ Notice.—Masters of Vessels requiring Pilots outward, or wishing to settle Pilotage dues, are requested to call at the office on Cunningham's wharf opposite Charles Minturn's office of steamers Sacramento and New World.
d17 BURNSIDE & NELSON, Agents.

☞ Notice.—The undersigned has appointed Messrs. BORNEMAN & SCHLEHBIHA, his Agents during his absence, to receive his rents. San Francisco, Dec. 14th 1850. d20 1m JAS. W. HANNES.

☞ Notice.—All merchandize and baggage now on board the ship TAHMAROO, on storage, if not removed previous to the 10th of January, will then be sold to pay freight, storage or other expenses.
A. W. RICHARDSON,
d6 1m* Master and Agent.

☞ Justice of the Peace.—ORRIN BAILEY will open his office on the 4th Dec. in the Brick Building on Clay street, between Montgomery and Kearny d3 4

JUST OPENED—THE SHADES,

NEAR THE CUSTOM-HOUSE, in Montgomery, corner of Somers street, with Wells' Rare-Bits, Sardines, Oysters, Lobsters, Tripe, Cold Cuts, Chops, Steaks, &c., Ale, choice Wines, Liquors, and Havana Cigars—one trial.
N. B. Hot joints from 12 till 2 o'clock. Lodgings, $4 per week. d25 1w

MULES,

FOR SALE, a span of excellent saddle or team MULES. Inquire at Tattersall's Livery Stable, corner of Kearny and Pacific sts. d27

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

THE SUBSCRIBERS have made arrangements to receive monthly from Baltimore, large shipments of HOLT & MALTBY'S fresh Oysters. Landing this day from ship Andalusia, and bark Alabama, 100 doz 2 lb cans. For sale by
d27 REYNOLDS & CO.
Kearny st, between Washington and Jackson.

BALDWIN & CO'S COIN.

THE ABOVE COIN, issued by Baldwin & Co., is redeemed at the Banking and Exchange Office of
d3 tf EDWARD E. DUNBAR,
Montgomery street.

AUCTION SALES.

JOHN MIDDLETON, Auctioneer.
By MIDDLETON & HOOD.
(Washington street, below Montgomery.)

MIDDLETON & HOOD will hold regular sales as follows
On MONDAYS, Catalogue Sales of Boots, Shoes and Clothing.
On TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, Cargo Sales of Groceries and Staple Goods.

Sale of Lumber and Houses.

THIS DAY Friday, Dec. 27 at 10 o'clock, at sales room, to pay freight and charges—
60,000 feet yellow pine lumber
3 two-story frame houses
50 bales moss &c. d24
To pay freight and charges, the following merchandize, on board ship Lyons, from New Orleans, the following described goods—
1 frame house, 40x16 feet, two stories, complete, containing of 2,776 feet lumber, with doors, windows, sashes, and necessary hardware, marked (D M in a diamond.
1 lot lumber, 691 feet, marked EB
8 kegs nails
2 do white lead
4 dozen pails
2 carts
The frame complete of a scow, measuring about 12x40 ft, with the lumber and nails.
1 skiff
The above goods were shipped by J D Marks, and consigned to J D Marks, and are sold on his account as above.
ALSO, 90 bales 3-4 moss, about 250 lbs each.
6 hair mattresses
The above goods were shipped by Theodore Dupré, and addressed to Dupré, Galbraith & Co.
ALSO, on account of A. Mason, to pay freight and charges—
Three two-story frame houses, each measuring 16x24 ft, and complete, with lumber, marked A.
ALSO, on account of the California Planing and Saw Mill, of New Orleans, to pay freight and charges, the following lumber, marked CM—
18,744 ft 1¼ inch dressed yellow pine flooring
9,701 ft 1¼ do do ceiling
4,737 ft scantling
Terms—The whole to be deliverable at ship's tackle. Samples of the lumber on sale at auction room, on morning of sale. By order of Capt. CARNES, of ship Lyons.
ALSO, 100 hair mattresses
75 do pillows
20 bbls dried peaches
20,000 Havana cigars
20 do smoking tobacco
20 cases cognac brandy
400 bags yellow corn
250 bags rice
4 bxs Central American coffee
75,000 do cigars d25
ALSO, 10,000 Tahiti cocoanuts
8 large handcarts
10,000 lbs light brown sugar
2,000 lbs sugar-cured hams
20 casks, 13 gals each, cognac brandy
25,000 Havana cigars
20 cases cognac brandy
20 do rye whisky
20 puncheons Brandywine cornmeal
20 large size cooking stoves
100 boxes cheese
40 camp cots
40 cases Philadelphia ale
10 doz meat dishes
15 doz wine and champagne glasses
2 doz bandsaws
1 doz axes
40 doz Britannia spoons d26
ALSO,]
60 M Havana cigars
20 kegs nails
5 bbls dry Malaga wine
40 bxs cheese
3 cases crockery ware assorted
80 tins lard
6 bbls dried pears
100 hxs codfish, 25 lbs each
30 doz wooden socks
150 do pressed fine cut chewing tobacco
5 cases champagne wine
10 dozen pails
Central Wharf company
Watches, Gold Pencils, Clothing, &c.
A+12 o'clock, m—
2 heavy gold cased and capped, detached lever, full jeweled hunting watches
2 heavy gold cased patent lever watches. Taylor & Co
12 heavy California gold pens and pencilcases.
3 doz black Italian cravats
2 do satin vests
6 do misses' a+d ladies' Revere hats
2 do ladies' embroidered silk cuffs
5 pcs tailors' Sileda
10 doz ladies' pie-nic mitts
15 do suspenders
20 do ladies' silk hdkfs
Carpenters' pincers, planes, squares, door handles, butt hinges, &c. d27

AT PRIVATE SALE.
1 case oil lemon
1 do oil bergamot
2 do 36 doz sedillix powders d16

WANTED.

INFORMATION WANTED.

LEFT the storeship FRANCES ANN, on the morning of the 12th inst, supposed to be in a deranged state of mind, JOHN W. FARWELL Had on a black hat, dark sack coat, heavy black whiskers, medium height, native of New York. Whoever can give information concerning him, will confer a favor on his family, and be suitably rewarded on board ship, foot of Washington st. d27 3

WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN possessing the requisite business talent, and a cash capital of not less than $4000, can have an opportunity of entering into a pleasant and lucrative business, in connexion with the advertiser. Satisfactory references will be given. Address B. E. H. at this office, care of the Editor. d29 1wp

PAPER.

WANTED.—Foolscap and Printing Paper, of good quality. Those having lots for sale, are requested to send specimens to the office of the Pacific News, addressed to d18 1w] J. WINCHESTER, State Printer.

WANTED.

INFORMATION of JAMES MOFFITT. Should he see this, he will please send his whereabouts to this office. d24 1m

COMPANY BALL.

OF SACRAMENTO HOOK & LADDER, at the UNION HOTEL, on NEW-YEAR'S EVE. Tickets can be procured for the above Ball from either of the undersigned.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Wm. W. Palmer,	A. J. Grayson,
Abl. Wm. Greene,	H. M. White,
Wm. H. Jones,	Wm. Hart,
Chas. R. Story,	Wm. Langerman,
Geo. H. Hudson,	H. B. Lafitte,
F. A. Bartlett,	J. F. Atwill.

J. L. VON BOKKELEN, Chairman.
WM. G. EASON, Secretary. d24 td

COAL YARD.

A. S. ROGERS & CO, Sansome, between Washington and Jackson sts; the first established Coal Yard, in San Francisco.

Coal delivered in large or small quantities, in any part of the city, free of cartage rates. Public houses, restaurants, and private families, furnished at the shortest notice. A. S. ROGERS,
d26 W. WHITTIER,
O. DEAN.

WARD & LECOMTE,

TIN, COPPER and SHEET IRON Manufacturers. Tin, Zinc and Metal roofing, Steamboat work, and all kinds of Jobbing executed with dispatch, on reasonable terms. Cooking, Bull and Parlor Stoves, Kitchen Furniture, Hardware, and a variety of other housekeeping articles, in Washington st, between 3 doors above Montgomery, and in Montgomery street, between Pacific and Jackson streets. d25 1m

FOR SALE,

FURNITURE, &c., to close out, invoice, consisting of handsome mahogany Wardrobes, Dressing Bureaus, Sideboards, Tables, Cherry Bedsteads, Feather Beds and Pillows, Shoe Cases, Ale, Ale, Porter, Champagne Cider, Port Wine, Berlin Bitters, &c. Apply to
F. CODMAN,
d25 3t California street, four doors below Kearny.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

BERFORD & CO. would respectfully announce to the Public that they will not hereafter be responsible for losses of monies, packages or letters unless they are deposited with our agent, Mr. Beardon, in San Jose, or left at their office in San Francisco, and have their *printed stamps* on. They send a daily mail. d25

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

PRESENTS.—Just arrived from New York, per ships Haidee and Talbot, a choice selection of fashionable Cravats and Scarfs. Also, a good assortment of gentlemen's furnishing Goods generally. Ladies who wish to present their fair swains or loving lords, will find this a rare opportunity. C. LEIGHTON.
First Premium Shirt Depot, 20 Commercial street.
d25 1w

FOR SALE.

300 bags fresh Chili barley, 100 bags fresh Chili beans. Inquire of PICKETT & CO,
d17tf Foot of Jackson st. wharf.

SPLENDID NEW BUGGY

ON a very light principle, with seats for four. For sale at the Java House by McCORMACK & CO,
d25 1w Tea Dealers and Coffee Roasters, 244 Montgomery st.

HILLS OF EXCHANGE

ON HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, for sale by
G. MEREDITH,
d21 Corner Sacramento and Leidesdorff sts.

SPILLMAN & CO'S

GRAND LOTTERY OF JEWELRY.—200 Prizes, valued at $10,000. To be drawn at the Parker House, on SATURDAY evening, 28th inst., where the prizes may be seen. Tickets $3 each. d23 4t

FOR SALE.

THE Cargo of brig KATE HEATH, consisting of 8,000 feet Oregon Pine, from 40 to 70 feet long. Also, 35 cords Wood, by WINCHESTER, PAINE & CO,
d24 1f Central Wharf.

REMOVAL.

CALLARD & CO., well known Shipping Merchants, have removed from Clark's Point to Central Wharf, where their business will be carried on with promptness and dispatch. (d3 1m CALLARD & CO.

AUCTION SALES.

By THEODORE PAYNE & CO.,
(Successors to Payne & Sherwood,)
Store No. 247 Montgomery street, between Jackson and Washington streets.

THIS DAY, Friday, Dec. 27, at 11 o'clock, at sales room—

Liquors, Coffee, &c.

100 casks Spanish brandy, 20 gals each
20 do port wine
100 cases do
75 do champagne wine
100 do claret wine, capped and labeled
70 bags C A coffee
10,000 do segars
100 doz heavy cut tumblers
20 dozens dried apples and peaches
25 bales moss
5 casks superior hams
150,000 Havana cigars, various brands
Together with a variety of merchandize, to close consignments.

Lumber. d27
Also, about 90,000 feet Lumber, different descriptions.

By KETTELLE, MAHONY & CO.
(Washington street, near Montgomery.)

E. F. BAKER. Auctioneer.
Administrator's Sale, of Horses, Mules, Wagons, Harness, &c.

(By order of H. K. W. Clark, Administrator.)
THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock on Portsmouth Square, (unavoidably postponed from yesterday,) will be sold—
2 fine American horses, suitable for the saddle or harness.
2 American draught mules.
2 sets harnesses.
1 pair wagon wheels.
The above to be sold without reserve, to the highest bidder. d27

HENRY B. LAFITTE, Auctioneer.
By HENRY B. LAFITTE & CO.,
(No. 279 Montgomery street.)

THIS, Friday morning, 27th inst, at 10 o'clock, without reserve—
150 kegs white lead & paint 40,000 lbs hams & shoulder's
17 hxs sides bacon 20 kegs dairy butter
20 bales moss 30 tins prime cheese
100 bales hay 50 kegs do lard
50 doz butcher knives 80 grs Britannia spoons
100 lbs brown sugar, 100 case claret, 80 kegs and bbls molasses and syrup, 1000 doz English ale, 60,000 cigars, 100 tins tobacco, 50 hair mattresses and pillows. A large assortment of clothing. d27

J. CALDWELL, Auctioneer.
CALDWELL & EMERSON,
(Sales Room, Montgomery st, bet. Clay and Washington.)

On SATURDAY, at 10 o'clock, A.M—
100 cases heavy boots, 50 parcels bed coverings
100 baskets champagne, 50 cases brandy
100 casks Albany ale, 20 casks cider
50 bbls vinegar, white wine and cider
50 hxs plain cooking candles 50 hxs soap
20 bbls cucumber pickles, 20 bbls do
Coffee, beans, sago, corn, oats
Invoices of cutlery, mill saws, tools
Shakers' medicines, lamps, counter scales &c. d27

LOST, FOUND, &c.

BOAT POUND.

PICKED UP, on the night of 24th inst., one flat bottom boat, about 10 feet long, with a centre board, painted red color. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges, by application to Brig. Gen. F. Williams, of India Buildings. d29 tf

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

COPARTNERSHIP.

WM. CURRY AND DAVID JAMES BURGES B. STRODE, Commodities and Attorneys at Law, have formed a copartnership for the State of California. Their cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, will be prosecuted by gentlemen of the highest legal ability. Office over Burgoyne & Co's Banking House, corner Washington and Montgomery streets, San Francisco. d14

COPARTNERSHIP.

THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of GRAY & LECOUNT, for the purpose of carrying on the Wholesale and Retail Stationery business in general. They have leased the fire proof store in Wells & Co's Building, Montgomery street, next door to Wells & Co's Banking House.

WM. B. COOKE,
o1 tf J. J. LECOUNT.

LAW NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED having formed a Copartnership in the practice of the Law, will promptly and faithfully attend to all business confided to them.
FRED. H. SANFORD,
JOHN W. SCOTTINGER.
San Jose, Dec. 16, 1850. d19 1aw6w

MASONRY AND STONE-CUTTING.

MESSRS. GRANT, KINGSLEY & DODGE respectfully inform the citizens of San Francisco and vicinity, that, having formed a copartnership, they are prepared to execute any work connected with the various branches of their profession, in the most workmanlike manner, and on the most moderate terms, viz.:

Building Stone, Monuments, Tombstones and tombs, of various sizes and designs, both plain and ornamental, and of the best quality of Italian and American marble. Also, a large assortment of Grave Stones suitable for counters or table tops. Also, a variety of thick slabs, suitable for provision dealers, confectioners or cooks, together with a supply of marble hearths and tiles, suitable for chamber hearths or flooring. Freestone in all its varieties, window caps and sills, and steps, also, a variety of iron railing, tables and flagging and drain stones. Also, brick work, all in the various branches, either by contract or otherwise. Material furnished, delivered, grave and furnished; ranger furnished and ovens erected; together with all kinds of jobbing usually executed.

Plastering and stucco work, plain or ornamented, in all its various branches, either by contract or otherwise. Public patronage respectfully solicited, at the shop in Fuller street, between Kearny and Webb sts.

CHARLES GRANT, Stonecutter.
GARDNER P. KINGSLEY, Mason.
d24 1m JOHN D. DODGE, Plasterer.

CARGO

OF BARK ISABELLA, (late Dutch,) imported direct from China and Manilla, selected expressly for the California market, for sale by the subscriber; consisting in part of

Superior green and black tea in canisters.
Nests black, fancy and assorted sandal wood trunks.
Ass'ted China presences, preserved ginger, oranges, &c.
Rolls China matting, assorted China mats, very rare.
Assorted rattan chairs, elegantly wrought silks.
Assorted China furniture, consisting of rattan chairs
tea stands, centre tables, marble tables.
Pinia, or pineapple dress pieces.
Manilla coffee, do sugar, do Nos. 1 and 2 cigars.
Manilla cordage, coir and silk bandas or sashes.
Gunny bags, iron hinges.
Horse clothes, ponchos, cocoanuts, &c, &c,
T. SHILLABER, (late EVERETT & Co.)
Stevenson & Parker's new building, foot of Sacramento st.
d24 1f

EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGES at a DISCOUNT

OUR RIGHT to carry GOODS on the steamers SENATOR and NEW WORLD, having been endorsed by the Hon. DIXON LEWIS, we are authorized by Messrs. Some-rville & Co's messenger in charge of our Express, on these boats daily.

Letters each way, 25 cents.

Gold Dust insured and forwarded to all parts of the States by the steamer of Jan. 1st, will be received until 10 o'clock, P. M. on the 31st inst. Persons desiring to go in charge of our special messenger, received up to the hour of sailing, at GREGORY'S Express Office, corner Montgomery and Merchant sts.
d24 JOSEPH W. GREGORY, Proprietor.

HURRAH FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY are upon us, when the little folks will no doubt be anxiously looking for a visit from good old Santa Claus. We would therefore respectfully call the attention of the greatest dy Manufactory, Clay street, between Montgomery and Kearny, and procure a supply of the choicest candies and other delectables that will be found there in the greatest abundance. Let the stockings be well filled, Old Fellow, and you will be long remembered with the generation of San Francisco. BASSETT & WINN,
dec24 1jl North side of Clay street.

WATER-PROOF BOOTS.

A SPLENDID STOCK of Water-proof Boots, manufactured by the celebrated maker ROGERS, of Broadway, N. Y., for the simple reason that they are quality—just received by the Sarah Sands. Also, a very full assortment of Fine Clothing.
d24 1m CRONIN & MARKLEY,
278 Montgomery st, next door to Delmonico's.

FOUR NATIONS RESTAURANT,

LONG WHARF.—The subscriber would invite the variety and quality of their viands to be the best recommendation to favor, beg to assure the Public, that all efforts shall be made to ensure satisfaction.
Furnished rooms at reasonable prices. d24
S. PIANCA.
JOHN BASSETT.

A GREAT CHANCE FOR COLLIERS.

M. NELSON, Agent for the Western Addition of San Francisco, will give one man or a company of men a contract for Charring, in large or small quantities. Inquire at his residence, Broadway, between Stockton and Powell sts. d24 1f M. NELSON.

COMMISSION BUSINESS.

J. S. LORING, Commission Merchant, will attend to the purchase of goods and all articles of merchandize consigned for the various ports of Oregon. All business will be promptly dispatched. d24 1m

SAVING TO STOREKEEPERS and Restaurants—

Oysters opened with the Kirk Hoose roasted and ground, packed and delivered: McCORMACK & CO.
n11 Tea Dealers and Coffee Roasters, 244 Mont'y st.

FOR SALE.

A T THE JAVA HOUSE, an invoice of English Boots, water proof coats and caps, pilot cloth jackets, &c.
McCORMACK & CO.,
n11 Tea Dealers and Coffee Roasters, Montgomery st.

BILL POSTING

IS ATTENDED TO with fidelity and dispatch, by
BURKMAR & LUNT,
All orders left at the *Pacific News* Publication Office, will receive immediate attention. d20

STEAMERS.

FARE REDUCED.
LAW'S LINE PACIFIC STEAMERS,
FOR PANAMA.—The favorite steamship COLUMBUS, Lieut. John McGowan, commander, will leave San Francisco for Panama, on WEDNESDAY, Jan'y 1st, connecting at Chagres with the Mail Steamer GEORGIA, the 5th and 20th. Charges on the 25th Jan'y.
Rates of fare for this steamer will be reduced to the following rates:
From San Francisco to Panama. N. Orleans. N. York.
In Saloon.....$250 $225 $250
Fore'd Cabin.....225 165 175
Through Tickets to New York and New Orleans can be secured on application to
GLOVER CHARLICK, Agent,
Office cor Jackson and Sansome sts.
Gold dust shipped through to New York and New Orleans at reduced rates. d18 tf

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR SACRAMENTO AND MARYSVILLE.

THROUGH IN MARYSVILLE IN 24 HOURS, connecting with the fast-sailing steamers NANA and ASHTON, at Sacramento City.
Every day at 4 P.M. from Cunningham's wharf.—The well-known steamer SENATOR, Capt. Jno. Van Pelt, leaves every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, and the favorite steamer NEW WORLD, Capt. Hutchins, leaves every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY.
Freight taken, and passage engaged at the lowest possible rates, and as no other line of Steamers can offer the same dispatch and accommodations, inducements are held out to shippers and travelers.
CHARLES MINTURN, Agent,
Cunningham's wharf.
N. B. All persons are hereby notified that Messrs. FERMAN & ASHTON, are not connected with these boats, and all packages of value or gold dust left with the Clerks, are at the risk of the parties leaving them, or of the owners to whom they belong. And any persons sending letters or other Express matter, they will be charged $50 per package. d18

FOR SANTA CLARA AND SAN JOSE.

THE NEW STEAMER NEW STAR, Capt. E. SAMPSON, Jr., will leave Commercial wharf on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, for the above places, stopping at ALVISO, where stages will be in readiness to convey passengers to the above places immediately on the arrival of the boat.
This steamer will commence on Friday next, leaving regularly at 9 o'clock, A. M. For freight or passage apply on board till further notice.
N. B. A regular package express for San Jose will accompany this line, and all business submitted to their charge will receive prompt attention. n19 tf

EXPRESSES.

GREGORY'S EXPRESS.

TO THE UNITED STATES.—Having insurance policies in the Atlantic, Mutual, and other offices, and having our own office in one of the best FIRE-PROOF buildings in California, we are enabled to furnish the best security to persons sending Treasure by this line, and to whom no charge will be made for depositing.
Drafts at sight on our Agents in New York, Messrs. Thompson & Hitchcock, corner of Wall and Pearl streets.

Agents.	*Offices.*
THOMPSON & HITCHCOCK	New York.
G. E. CLARK	Sacramento City.
M. & B. F. CHEESEMAN	Marysville.
J. KELLOGG	Portland, (Or.)
MITCHELL & HUTCHINS	Honolulu, (S. I.)

A Submarine Armor, complete, for sale.
JOSEPH W. GREGORY,
Proprietor and Manager, 280 Montgomery street.
Hon. John S. Bradford will please call at this office. d2

FREEMAN & CO'S EXPRESS.

THE ONLY FIRM in Sacramento connecting with the well known house of ADAMS & CO., in the Atlantic States.
Mr. T. B. HAWLEY, late of the firm of HAWLEY & CO, having disposed of his interest in that concern to the subscribers, the business will be continued without interruption.
Gold Dust, Coin, &c., insured against all risks, and forwarded to all the principal cities in the United States.
Bills of Exchange drawn on ADAMS & CO. Having by contract secured the sole right of an Express on the splendid steamers SENATOR and NEW WORLD, we will forward daily, as heretofore, between Sacramento and San Francisco. We have a safe on each of the above steamers for the security of Treasure, which is always accompanied by our own messenger. FREEMAN & CO.
N. B. Orders for Sacramento, Secured Letters, near J, between J and K streets; San Francisco, with Adams & Co, J. Spear agent; Marysville, E. W. Tracy, agent. d2

TO THE STATES AND EXCHANGES.

RUNNING to all parts of the Southern Mines, and the only Express in Stockton or the Southern District connected in San Francisco, with the well known house of ADAMS & CO., to all parts of the United States, affording superior facilities for the transportation of Gold Dust and packages of every description. Drafts procured on all parts of the United States and Europe. Collections made in any part of the Southern mines, San Francisco, Stockton, &c., &c. By an arrangement made with the popular Express of HAWLEY & CO, in Sacramento, we are enabled to transact all business in the Capital, as business in that city and the Southern mines.
A. H. TODD, San Francisco.
d2 E. W. COLT, Stockton.

DODGE & CO'S EXPRESS.

OUR ARRANGEMENTS for the prompt and faithful transmission of gold dust, letters, packages, &c., to all parts of the United States and Europe, furnishing exchange, and the transaction of a general Express business, are now complete.
Office in the room formerly occupied by Dunbar's California Bank, in Howard & Co's fire proof building, Montgomery street. An arrangement has been made with EDWARD E DUNBAR, to superintend the Exchange Department, and the transmission of Treasure between New York and Boston, furnished, and the safe transmission of gold dust to the States and Europe insured by every steamer. Miners and others can make special deposits of treasure, in the fire proof safe of the undersigned.
d4 tf DODGE & CO.

SAN JOSE. SAN JOSE.

BERFORD & CO'S LINE

OF EXPRESS MAIL STAGES,
HALL & CRANDALL, Proprietors,

ARE now running every morning from San Jose, leaving Breford & Co's office, in the Plaza, at 8 o'clock, A. M. and the City Hotel, in San Jose, at 7 o'clock, A. M.
The reduced rate of Fare will enable all of every one to visit the beautiful and healthful valley of Santa Clara. There is no more charming drive in California than that from San Francisco to San Jose, and as one is whirled rapidly through the oak openings and across the level plains under the skilful driving of Messrs Hall Hall or Crandal, who drive their own coaches, he finds that pleasure is united with business, and wonders he has never made the trip before.
The great advantage this line possesses over all others, is that the Stages never boggle or stick in the mud, even with accidents, which are so likely to occur with the old fashioned stage coaches. We invite our friends to give the line a trial. n7tf BERFORD & CO.

CHEAP PLEASURE EXCURSION.

THE UNITED STATES MAIL Line of Stages will, on and after this date run daily between the Union Hotel, San Francisco, daily, (Sundays NOT excepted,) at 8 o'clock, A. M., for SAN JOSE. And from the Mansion House, San Jose, daily, at 7 o'clock, A. M., for San Francisco.
This line is furnished with the best stages and horses the country can produce, and will run through from the Mansion House to Mission Dolores, a distance of 6 miles, in about ⅓ hours.
The Proprietors have reduced the rates of fare so as to enable all who desire to visit the most beautiful roads in the world, to do so at a very small expense, and hope thereby to receive such a share of the public patronage as their merits. The climate of San Jose being one of the most healthy in the country, is highly recommended to invalids in search of the pleasure of the Excursion.
For further particulars inquire at the offices.
d2 ASCLEY & MAURISON.

DODGE & CO.,

EXPRESS MERCHANTS AND BANKERS, Fireproof Building, Montgomery street, near Clay, have sight bills on the Atlantic cities, and issue letters of credit to shippers. Gold Dust, received up to the latest hour, for next per steamers on the 1st inst. Freight and insurance on the same at reduced rates.
d26 5 DODGE & CO.

JUST RECEIVED,

BY LATE ARRIVALS, 100 bbls filberts, 100 sacks walnuts, 250 whole cheeses, 50 bbls pickles, 50 doz fine ivory combs, 150 violins, 10 doz chamois skins. For sale, in lots to suit, by WILSON & SPALDING,
d17 2w Jlay wharf, Portsmouth Square

STORAGE.

I AM now ready to take in storage, all kinds of mdse. and lumber, at reasonable rates, on board the ship SAMOAN, laying at the foot of Pacific street. Inquire on board, of Capt. W. BENTON, or to
d27 3t H. BARNSTEAD,
Third door below Sansome st., in Jackson, north side.

GOLD DUST

BOUGHT OR INSURED, and forwarded to any part of the States, by way of New York or New Orleans, at the lowest rates, by GREGORY'S Express,
o18 tf Office 280 Montgomery Street.

PURE LAMP OIL.

A SUPERIOR article, being perfectly limpid, and well adapted for burning in solar lamps, in saloons, &c, for sale in lots to suit purchasers, by
d6tf LITTLE & POPE

UMPQUA RIVER, OREGON.

THE UNDERSIGNED are now located on this river, engaged in getting out square timber and piles, and will be prepared to furnish vessels with cargoes at short notice, of every variety of timber, at reasonable rates.
Umpqua City, 20th, 1850.
d23 1m R. J. BUTLER & CO

BALLAST

AT CHEAP RATES.—The undersigned is prepared to furnish to shippers, Sand Ballast, delivered in ocean, at the foot of Bush street, at rates about fifty per cent. less than ordinary prices. Application to be made to the subscriber on the premises adjoining Market street wharf.
d21 J. WILCOX.

OREGON LAND

AND LUMBER OFFICE, 276 Montgomery street, San Francisco.—The subscriber agent for the town of Saint Helens, Columbia river, offers liberal inducements to persons desirous of settling in Oregon. Also, keeps a general assortment of Oregon and other lumber at his lumber yard, North Beach. (d18 6m) GEO. H. ENSIGN.

BUSINESS CARDS

JAMES BECKETT, JAMES MCCULLOUGH.
PARKER HOUSE BILLIARD SALOON.

Billiard Saloon in the Parker House, up-stairs, adjoining the Union Hotel, Plaza.
d19 1m By BECKETT & McCULLOUGH.

H. MEIGGS,

Lumber Dealer,

FOOT OF MASON STREET, NORTH BEACH,
Ci Montgomery street.

Has for sale at the lowest market prices, for Cash or *City Scrip*, every variety of Lumber, suitable for building, wharfing, fencing, &c. &c. d19 1m

R. F. RYAN,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

West side of Kearny street, between Commercial and Merchant, and cor. Sacramento and Montgomery sts.

Conveyancing, Land and General Agency Office
Writings and translations drawn in the French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and German languages. n25

R. F. RYAN,

Avocat et Avoue.

Rue Kearny, 3d maison à l'est de la rue Pacifique, et coin des rues Sacramento et Montgomery.

S'occupe d'affaires et de vente de terrains, etc. Prepare toute espece de documens, et les traduira au besoin, en Francaise, Espagnole, Italienne, Portuguese, et Allemande. n26

R. F. RYAN,

Abogado, Jurisconsulto y Procurador,

Calle de Kearny, lo casa de la esquina de la calle Pacifica, en la esquina de los calles Sacramento y Montgomery.

Corredor y Agente para la venta de Terrenos, etc. Se prepara toda especie de documentos, y los traducira en caso necesario, en Francés, Italienne, Portuguese, ó Aleman. n26

KELSEY, SMITH & RISLEY,

Importers and Dealers

(*Fire proof brick Building, on Clay street, second door from Sansome street.*)

In Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Clothing, and Leather and Findings. W. P. KELSEY, } San Francisco.
d14 B. W. KISLEY, New York City.

PARSONS & DEANE.

General Shipping Office,

Clark's Point.

W. F. PERSONS. R. S. DEANE.

Shipping and commission business attended to with dispatch. Passengers for any port on the Pacific or the Islands will do well to call and satisfy themselves of the facilities offered. n21 1f.

MYERS AND EHRENBURG,

Real Estate Agents, and Surveyors,

For the Town of Trinidad, Klamath, and for Trinity county generally.

OFFICES.—In Klamath, corner of Forest and Francis streets; in Trinidad, corner of Whiting and Edward streets. o9 tf

D. GIBB,

Importer and Commission Merchant.

STATE LAWS.

AN ACT to Establish Pilots, and Pilot regulations for the Port of San Francisco.

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1. It shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint two Pilots, who shall be experienced and resident in San Francisco, who, together with the Harbor Master of the Port, shall constitute a Board of Commissioners for the Port of San Francisco.

2. The persons thus appointed shall take an oath for the faithful discharge of their duties, and shall hold their office for the term of one year, and shall be liable to removal or appointment and qualification.

3. The Commissioners shall keep an office at San Francisco, and shall hold meetings on the first Monday of each month. A majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. They shall appoint a Secretary, who shall hold his office for the term of one year, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Commissioners, and of the Pilots of California, in the sum of two thousand dollars; conditioned shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk, and be for the use of the party aggrieved.

27. The Secretary shall make his official reports under their own government, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, to the Board of Commissioners.

28. The Commissioners shall have power to purchase in bulk and for the keeping of money, subject to the approval of the Governor.

29. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep correct books of the Board, and to enter therein all proceedings and books provided for that purpose.

30. He shall receive all moneys due to the Board, and pay out the same when ordered so to do by the Board, and shall keep a correct account of the same, and of all moneys received by him, in books and books shall always be open to public inspection.

31. He shall keep a monthly record of the arrival and departure of the first boats, names and residence of all vessels boarded by each other Pilots, and such other matters as directed.

32. The Secretary shall receive for his compensation, the sum of two thousand dollars per annum.

33. Neither the Commissioners or the Secretary shall have any interest, directly or indirectly, in the profits or fees of the earnings received by or distributed.

34. The Commissioners shall have power to appoint, in case of vacancy, a Pilot, to hold his office until the next regular election, and may from time to time remove.

35. Persons applying for license to act as pilots for the Port of San Francisco, shall be required to produce a certificate under the seal of twenty-one years, and in presence of one or more of the Commissioners, that he has been examined by the Commissioners, touching their qualifications, and that the knowledge of the management of steamers and sailing vessels, and of the rules of the road, and of the use of the different whistles, bells, and signals, and of the several night lights of the Harbor and Bay; and if deemed to be qualified, shall receive a license as a pilot, which shall take place at the end of twelve months.

36. The Commissioners shall have power to revoke on license, shall not exceed in the amount of fifty dollars, payable to the State of California, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and subject to the approval of the Commissioners, and shall be sworn to the office.

38. The Commissioners shall have full power to suspend pilots, or revoke their licenses, on proof of incompetency or misconduct.

39. As soon as a sufficient number of pilots shall be licensed to keep a boat, such boat shall be numbered by the Commissioners, and the name of the pilot in charge, and such number shall be recorded by the Secretary, and such number shall be distinctly painted in black letters, to be at least two inches long, and shall be kept on the bow or forward of each boat: the pilots shall then select one from their number to command the boat; it shall be reported to the Commissioners.

40. On the first Monday of every month, the person so selected shall report to the Commissioners the number of the vessels reported by the Commissioners and shall be recorded in this Act, and report the names of the vessels, and the amount received from each, to the Commissioners.

41. Every pilot, on boarding a vessel, when required by the Commissioners, shall report to the Secretary the name, number, and residence of his boat, and the name and number of his pilot.

42. Every pilot, absenting himself from his duty to more than two months, without the consent of one of the Commissioners, or by sickness, shall be considered as having forfeited his license.

43. In case a pilot does not apply at the end of the time specified in his license for a renewal of the same, he shall be considered as not pilot.

44. If any licensed pilot shall become intoxicated while on board of any vessel, he shall forfeit his license, and be reported by the Commissioners.

45. Not more than six pilots shall be in requisition, or harbored at any one time, in the harbor, or in the bay, and for any infringement of this section, shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars, for each offence.

46. The Commissioners may require pilots to cause their boats to be at such stations as they may deem necessary, and they may fix the time of the absence of any boat without infringement or violation of their duty, or negligently leaving any vessel, for not more than twenty-four hours, Commissioner: *Provided*, that no boats in waiting be given to any pilot, and that no pilot shall be allowed to have more than two in waiting.

47. For carelessly or negligently losing a vessel, on account of the absence of his boat, or any pilot, or the boat shall be liable for damages on its head.

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